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SUBJECT: NIGER: MOUVEMENT DES NIGERIENS POUR LA JUSTICE
(MNJ) RELEASES 25 HOSTAGES

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¶1. On Sunday, March 9, 2008, the MNJ website reported on the release of "25 military prisoners, including the Prefet of Tanout." The website reports that the release of the hostages marks the first anniversary of the MNJ after more than a year of hostilities against the Government of Niger (GON). The hostages were reported to have been released to "Supreme Leader of the Libyan Revolution Mouamar Khadafi."

¶2. This MNJ action follows the recent release by Malian rebels of 22 prisoners.

¶3. There has yet to be a GON reaction to the report. Post will keep Department informed of developments.

¶4. Minimize considered.
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